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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES AT EMBASSY NAIROBI

REF: NAIROBI 7000

1. AMB MET WITH SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE JULY 9. COLLECTIVE OPINION WAS THAT WHILE TENSION BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA HAS HEIGHTENED, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO IMMEDIATE DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THAT SITUATION AND ANY THREAT TO THE EMBASSY OR EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

2. DECISION WAS THEREFORE MADE THAT FOLLOW-CAR ESCORT FOR AMB'S MOVEMENTS WOULD BE TERMINATED EFFECTIVE 1200 JULY 9 BUT THAT PERSONAL SECURITY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO AMB'S RESIDENCE AND VEHICULAR MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE. EMBASSY ALSO READY TO REACTIVATE FOLLOW-CAR ESCORT PROCEDURE SHOULD CHANGING SITUATION APPEAR TO WARRANT.

3. EFFECTIVE WITH CLOSURE OF THE POST AT AMB'S RESIDENCE ONE TDY MSG WAS RETURNED TO PRETORIA. REMAINING TWO TDY MSGS (FROM CAPETOWN AND DAR-ES-SALAAM) WILL BE RETAINED UNTIL JULY 12 PENDING FURTHER INDICATIONS AS TO WHETHER POSSIBLE KENYA/UGANDA CONFLICT MIGHT ERUPT INTO CIVIL DISORDER.

4. SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED ON JULY 12.
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